



MONTANA STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNANCE BOARD

LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP CHARTER

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Legislative Working Group established pursuant to this charter is to review and codify the role, responsibility, and authority of the Statewide Interoperability Governing Board (SIGB) and to advise the SIGB on legislative, funding and other matters affecting legislative support for a statewide Public Safety Communications System.

The Legislative Working Group has the authority to undertake the specific duties and responsibilities listed below and will have the authority to undertake other specific duties as directed by the SIGB.

MEMBERSHIP

The Legislative Working Group shall consist of representatives from local, state, and tribal government agencies, private communication providers, and associations who possess knowledge and experience in the crafting, support and lobbying of legislative initiatives with an emphasis on public safety communication services and/or systems. The members of the Legislative Working Group are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the SIGB.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Legislative Working Group include:

1. Review, draft and support legislation codifying the role, responsibility and authority of the SIGB.
2. Secure funding for the long-term operation and maintenance of a statewide public safety communications system.
3. Secure Funding for planning and match requirements to complete the build-out of local and statewide communications projects supporting Statewide Public Safety Communications needs.
4. Advise the SIGB on stakeholder and legislative issues affecting the oversight and funding of a public safety communications system supporting public safety responders throughout the state.



5. Perform other activities consistent with this Charter, the SIGB Bylaws and the laws of Montana, as deemed necessary or appropriate by the SIGB
6. Periodically review the Legislative Working Group Charter for adequacy and recommend needed changes to the SIGB

LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP CHAIR

The SIGB Chair will appoint the Legislative Working Group chairman to serve for a 1-year term, unless a majority of the SIGB determine otherwise. The Working Group Chair will designate a Vice Chair with the approval of the SIGB.

MEETINGS

The Legislative Working Group will meet at such times it deems appropriate to fulfill its responsibilities under this Charter or as directed by the SIGB. The Legislative Working Group shall establish its own schedule, which it will provide to the SIGB in advance. The members of the Legislative Working Group may invite the SIGB Chair and Vice Chair, other SIGB members, the SWIC, and Montana government officials to attend its meetings, but such representatives may not cast votes or be counted for the purpose of making a quorum.

ROBERT'S RULES

Unless otherwise specified, Robert's Rules of Order will prevail in working group proceedings.

REPORTS/MINUTES

The Legislative Working Group will provide written reports to the SIGB regarding recommendations submitted to that Board for action and report to the SIGB on the status of its meetings.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Legislative Working Group may form and delegate authority to specialized working groups or subgroups, when appropriate and with the permission of the SIGB.